

REMARKS

Claims 3-24, 34-46 and 59-63 remain for prosecution in the present application.

Allowable Subject Matter

New independent claim 61 submitted hereinabove corresponds to allowable claim 10/9/3/59 without amendment. Claims 11 and 12 have been amended to depend from new claim 59.

New independent claim 62 corresponds to allowable claim 21/16 without amendment, and claims 22-24 have been amended where appropriate to depend from new claim 62.

New independent claim 63 corresponds to allowable claim 44/43/38 without amendment. Claims 45 and 46 have been amended to depend from new claim 63.

Drawings; Claim Rejection - 35 USC 112

Claim 60 has been amended to correct what clearly was a clerical error in the last line of the claim. The axially extending bead recited in claim 60 clearly spaces the disk base from the base wall of the "shell" and not from a base wall of the "liner." This is a clerical correction only, and does not alter the scope of the claim.

This clerical correction addresses the objection to the drawings, and the rejection of claim 60 under 35 USC 112 set forth in the Office Action.

Claim Rejections - Prior Art

Independent claims 16, 38 and 59 have been rejected over the three-referenced combination of Towns 4,674,642, Eisen 2,151,019 and Riffer 6,371,318. Chang 4,640,428 and Taha 6,491,175 additionally have been cited against dependent claims.

All independent claims 16, 38 and 59 have been amended to recite an axially extending protrusion on the disk for engaging an undersurface of the base wall of the closure shell to space the disk from the shell base wall. Each claim also recites that the plastic disk is parallel to and spaced from the base wall. Dependent claims 8, 20 and 42 (which have been indicated to be allowable) have been amended to recite that this protrusion includes an axially extending bead around a peripheral portion of the disk base - e.g., bead 64 in the application drawings.

Neither Towns nor Eisen discloses or suggests any axially extending protrusion or the like on the associated disk for engaging an undersurface of an overlying wall structure on the associated closure shell. Riffer, Chang and Taha are not relevant on this point. Thus it is respectfully submitted that independent claims 16, 38 and 59 so amended, and all claims dependent thereon, clearly are allowable over the cited art.

Attention is directed to the Second Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement that accompanies this Amendment.

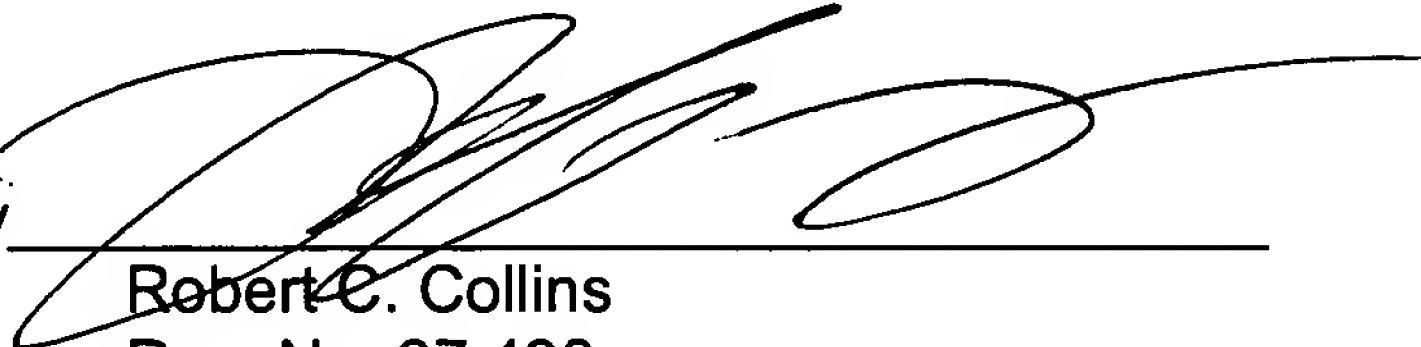
It therefore is believed and respectfully submitted that all claim 3-24, 34-46 and 59-63 remaining in the application are allowable at this time, and favorable action is respectfully solicited.

Please charge any fees associated with this submission to Account No. 15-0875 (Owens-Illinois).

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